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IN THE Application of) Examiner: B. Whiteman
BARNETT et al.) Group Art Unit: 1633
For: POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING) Confirmation No.: 4221
ANTIGENIC HIV TYPE C POLYPEPTIDE,)
POLYPEPTIDES AND USES THEREOF)
Serial No.: 09/610,313)
Filed: July 5, 2000) AMENDMENT UNDER
Atty. Docket No.: PP01631.101 (2302-1631.20)) 37 CFR §1.116

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated June 18, 2002 (Paper No. 12). Enclosed is a request for a one-month extension of time making this response due October 18, 2002, and, therefore, this response is timely filed.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 41, without prejudice or disclaimer. Please amend claims 1, 36 and 49 as follow:

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1. (Amended) An expression cassette, comprising a polynucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide including an antigenic HIV *Pol* polypeptide, wherein the polynucleotide sequence encoding said *Pol* polypeptide comprises a sequence having at least 90% sequence identity to the sequence presented of Figure 8 (SEQ ID NO:30); Figure 9 (SEQ ID NO:31); or Figure 10 (SEQ ID NO:32).

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